

Treasury to invest such surplus in Government stock." Dis-

agreed to.

Mr. JNO. A. ROCKWELL moved to strike out the third

section of the bill. Disagreed to.

Mr. RIPLEY moved to strike out the word "thereof," in

the third section, and insert in its lieu the words "of such

coin." Disagreed to.

Mr. SEAMAN moved an amendment to this bill, the

Senate bill of last session to establish a branch mint at

the United States in the city of New York.

Mr. HUNGERFORD moved to amend the amendment, as

follows:

"And be it further enacted, That whenever the Treasurer

shall be appointed, named in the ninth section of this act, all

monies, books, and papers in the hands of the Assistant

Treasurer in the city of New York shall be transferred to the

treasurer of the branch mint established by this act; and said

branch mint shall thereafter be the place of deposit for the

public monies instead of the rooms now used in the custom-

house; and the treasurer of said branch mint shall be subject

to the provisions contained in an act entitled "An act to

provide for the better organization of the Treasury, and for the

collection, safe-keeping, transfer, and disbursement of the pub-

lic revenue," approved August 6, 1846, which relate to the

treasurer of the branch mint at New Orleans." Agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to the amendment as

amended, and the amendment was agreed to.

Mr. JNO. A. ROCKWELL moved to amend the bill by

adding the following:

"Sec. 8. And be it further enacted, That in all cases pro-

vided for in this act in which the officers of the Government of

the United States are authorized to pay any public creditor

the sum due him in any manner than in gold and silver coin,

the said sum shall be paid in payment of the sum due him

for the public lands gold and silver coin only, but the same

kind of currency may be received as is authorized to be

paid by the officers of the Government." Disagreed to.

Mr. E. HOLMES moved a new section authorizing and

providing for the establishment of a branch mint at Char-

leston, South Carolina. Disagreed to.

The committee then rose and reported the bill.

Mr. McKAY moved the previous question; and under its

operation the amendments of the Committee of the Whole

were adopted.

Mr. JNO. A. ROCKWELL moved to lay the bill on the

table; which motion was decided in the negative. Yeas 22,

nays 75.

The question recurring on the passage of the bill, it was

put, and the bill was passed, and sent to the Senate for

concurrence.

COMPLIMENT TO THE SPEAKER.

Mr. VINTON rose and said: I avail myself of the tempo-

rary absence of the President of the House to make a

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SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 1847.

THE LAST DAYS OF THE SESSION.

[FROM OUR DAILY PAPER OF MONDAY.]

We have now reached within three days of the

close of the present Session of Congress; and,

with the exception of adding ten regiments to the

Army, and a provision for borrowing less money

to carry on the war than the Government will want

for that purpose before Congress meets again, the

mass of the indispensable business of the Session

is yet on the tables of the two Houses. The most

important of the depending bills relate to the exist-

ing War. The whole business of the Session has

related indeed to almost nothing else. The War has

occupied, we believe, nine-tenths of the time of both

Houses. Nothing else seems, in truth, to be thought

measurable from a state of war, in a popular Gov-

ernment especially, that, while it lasts, it generates

and nourishes a rank growth of such legislation as

overshadows and stifles the production of wise,

wholesome, and beneficent measures. The House

of Representatives has, indeed, in the same breath

in which it voted something like thirty-five millions

of dollars for the year's expenditure for the army

alone, passed a bill appropriating a sum short or

one million of dollars for harbor improvements, and

a lesser sum for lighthouses; but, should these

bills be even fortunate enough to pass the Senate,

it may well be doubted whether they will be per-

mitted to become laws.

The most important incident of the last week is

the decision by the House of Representatives on

Saturday evening against laying additional taxes of

any kind, to any amount, for the purpose of eking

out the revenue. The history of this bill is told in

the report of the proceedings upon it; from which

the reader will learn that no debate was allowed, and

that the same body, which only the very day before

passed by a majority of some fifty votes a provision

granting to the Executive powers looking to

enlarged and more extended and expensive opera-

tions in the war against Mexico, refused by a majority

of sixty-eight votes to tax their constituents to an

amount necessary to sustain their own measures. If

this vote be considered as a test of the real sentiment

of the House—and *prima facie* it must be so con-

sidered—the House, though in favor of prosecuting

the war, is not sufficiently so to vote for the finan-

cial measure which the Executive has repeatedly

declared, both in Presidential Messages and Treas-

ury Reports, to be indispensably necessary to

enable it to carry on the war. The bill which has

been rejected cannot, in that or any other shape,

be reconsidered or revived, Saturday being the last

day of the Session—unless by a two-thirds vote in

both Houses—on which a bill originating in either

House can be sent to the other.

[FROM OUR DAILY PAPER OF TUESDAY.]

Yesterday being the last day but two of the pre-

sent Session, both Houses of Congress sat from

eleven o'clock in the morning (with each a short

recess) until a late hour, the Senate to a late time of

night. As far as practicable, a brief account of

what was done in each House will be found in the

preceding columns.

Some important Appropriation Bills are yet in

suspense, either upon disagreeing votes, or upon

conferences between the two Houses. The great

Army Appropriation Bill, however, after a confer-

ence, finally passed both Houses last night.

The Three Million Bill, as it is called—being the

bill to place three millions of dollars at the disposal

of the President in contemplation of negotiations

with Mexico—was debated up to we know not

how late last night. About nine o'clock the ques-

tion was taken, and the bill was passed by a

majority of 100 yeas to 80 nays. The bill

was then passed to the Senate, where it

was also passed by a majority of 100 yeas to

80 nays. The bill was then passed to the

President, who signed it on the 5th inst.

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